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1. What is the unusual responsibility that City Councilman Brad Lander has listed in a job posting for his communications director?

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3 things you need to know

RYAN WINS RE-ELECTION AS SPEAKER OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

U.S. Representative Paul Ryan was re-elected speaker of the House of Representatives on Tuesday as a Republican-led Congress began a new session. The Wisconsin congressman was elected on a vote of 239-189. Ryan was first elected speaker in October 2015, after his predecessor, John Boehner, retired following repeated revolts by House conservatives.



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WHITE HOUSE SAYS IT EXPECTS GITMO TRANSFERS ANNOUNCED BEFORE JAN. 20

The White House said on Tuesday it expects additional transfers of prisoners from the Guantanamo Bay military prison to be announced before President Barack Obama leaves office on Jan. 20. "I would expect at this point additional transfers to be announced before January 20," White House spokesman Josh Earnest told reporters when asked about a message on Twitter by President-elect Donald Trump earlier on Tuesday saying "there should be no more releases" from the prison at the U.S. naval base in Cuba. Last month a source close to the matter said Obama planned to transfer as many as 18 more prisoners from Guantanamo, nearly a third of the remaining 59 at the facility where the United States has held terrorism suspects since shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. **REUTERS**

PENTAGON SAYS IT CAN PROTECT US, ALLIES FROM NORTH KOREAN MISSILE THREATS

The U.S. Defense Department, reacting to North Korea's statement that it plans to test an intercontinental ballistic missile, said on Tuesday it was confident in its ability to protect U.S. allies and the U.S. homeland from threats from Pyongyang. "We have a ballistic missile defense ... umbrella that we're confident in for the region and to protect the United States homeland," Pentagon spokesman Peter Cook told a news briefing two days after North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said his country was close to testing an ICBM. **REUTERS**

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NYC among top 10 cities for bed bugs

Orkin released its annual ranking of the top 50 bed bug cities.



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Miniscule and blood-sucking, bed bugs are a growing public health problem in the United States.

And they are a big problem in New York City. The city ranked among the worst cities in the nation for bed bugs, according to an annual list by pest control company Orkin that was released Tuesday.

Orkin ranked the top 50 bed bug cities, with New York City coming in at No. 4.

Rank is determined by the number of treatments the company performed in a given city from Dec. 1, 2015, to Nov. 30, 2016.

Baltimore topped the list with the worst bed bug infestation, followed by Washington, D.C., Chicago, New York and Columbus, Ohio, rounded out the top five.

"We have more people affected by bed bugs in the United States now than ever before," Orkin entomologist Ron Harrison said in a statement.

"They were virtually unheard of in the U.S. 10 years ago," he said.

Gotham's position jumped from No. 18 in 2014 to No. 4 in 2015, and remained there last year.

Bed bugs are seasoned



"They were virtually unheard of in the U.S. 10 years ago."

Orkin entomologist Ron Harrison

No one wants to see these pests around. GETTY IMAGES

Tips in the war against bed bugs

- Inspect your home regularly for signs of bed bugs, especially during the day when they're hiding in such places as baseboards, headboards, electrical outlets, picture frames and mattress seams.
- Decrease clutter to make inspections and detection easier.
- Inspect all second-hand furniture before bringing it inside your home.
- If linens, curtains and stuffed animals are potentially infested, place them in the dryer on the hottest temperature allowed for the fabric.

travelers. They latch onto purses, luggage and other belongings, and tag along to homes, apartments,

hotels and public places, according to Orkin.

"We have treated for bed bugs in everything

from million-dollar homes to public housing," Harrison said.

Aside from their spread, bed bugs are also dangerous. Bites can spur allergic reactions and skin infections, and infestations can spark anxiety and insomnia, among other reactions.

Despite the name, they're not only found in beds. Smaller than an apple seed, bed bugs hide in cracks and crevices in headboards or bed frames. So even if your mattress is clean, your home might not be.

BRIEF

Brooklyn city councilman posts job ad seeking staffer to defend against 'Trump regime'
Brooklyn City Councilman Brad Lander is advertising for a communications director who, in addition to fulfilling the standard checklist of duties, can also help the Democrat "resist the injustice, hatred, and corruption posed by the Trump regime."

In an unusual listing that has been posted to several job boards, including Idealist, Lander is looking for a staffer to see beyond New York City, and

to keep an eye on the actions of President-elect Donald Trump.

The ideal candidate should be able to implement Lander's communications and media program while also defending against what the councilman calls the threat "to American democratic values and vulnerable constituencies." The goal, according to the ad, is to help "build a more just, inclusive and sustainable NYC."

A minimum of three to four years of communications experience — ideally in New York



City Councilman Brad Lander
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City — is required for the job, as is a sense of humor, according to the listing. The job includes

a "competitive salary," which was not specified but reported to be in the range of \$61,000 to \$67,000 a year, according to the New York Daily News.

Lander, an outspoken council member who was once arrested for blocking traffic to support striking car washers in Park Slope, is co-founder of the Council's progressive caucus. He is also incoming board chairman of Local Progress, a nationwide network of self-described progressive local officials.

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Bernie Sanders joins Cuomo to unveil plan for free tuition at CUNY and SUNY

The Excelsior Scholarship could help as many as one million families with college-bound children.



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Sen. Bernie Sanders was smiling while joining Gov. Andrew Cuomo at LaGuardia Community College Tuesday, to announce that free college tuition for the middle class — a cornerstone of Sanders' presidential run — could become a reality in New York.

Cuomo's plans to make all CUNY and SUNY schools tuition free for students whose families earn up to \$125,000 a year. In what the governor said is a first of its kind in the country, the Excelsior Scholarship initiative would be applicable to about one million households with college-bound children. It's projected to be phased in this year, if approved by the state legislature.

"It's once again New York leading the way. ...



Sen. Bernie Sanders and Gov. Andrew Cuomo announce plans to establish the Excelsior Scholarship. OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

To say, if you really want to be competitive globally, we have to have the best educated workforce," Cuomo said, adding that average student debt in the state is \$30,000. "The debt is so high it's like starting a race with an anchor tied to your leg."

Sanders beamed: "It's an idea that is going to reverberate not only throughout the state of New York, but throughout this country."

Scholars and officials

are hailing the proposal as a step toward equitable higher education.

"People who work on improving education have been pretty down lately — because it just doesn't look like the incoming president has much thought on these matters," Sara Goldrick-Rab, professor of higher education policy and sociology at Temple University, told Metro.

"New York is exactly the kind of place we

would hope to see this," she said, because of its unprecedented political support for such measures and its financial resources. "We need New York to try this and help us learn from this, so when we have a chance at the federal level we have a better sense of what will work."

In the 1970s, CUNY experimented with free tuition for about four years, and a 30-year study of its impact revealed incred-

very difficult to graduate on time if you have to work 20 hours a week or more. This would speed up graduations."

Johnson said the financial burden is especially acute for students in her department. Students who need to fulfill a student teaching requirement are often forced to quit their jobs, she said.

However, some see unintended consequences and hidden complexities in the free-tuition initiative.

Bart Astor, author of "Graduate from College Debt-free," told Metro that by Federal Student Aid standards, a \$125,000-income family with no other assets is deemed able to afford about \$20,000 a year in tuition.

"It's a great message, but who's paying? You have to be aware of the fallout from taxpayers who are subsidizing families who could already afford to pay for some or all of their tuition anyway," he said, adding that there are plenty of ways people could fudge the numbers to appear eligible for free tuition.



"It's an amazing opportunity. The major issue with students right now is massive debt. I would have more time to focus on my art and activism, instead of spending my time working to pay for school — we get to invest in ourselves."

Inette Reyes, 22, freshman, criminal justice

"I can finish college faster. I'm working right now, and if I qualify for this program, I could study full time, eventually move out of New York. I want to help those who are serving the country. That means I could be a nurse and travel the world."

Samantha Perez, 33, freshman, nursing



"It's amazing. Even if you make a decent income, there are still so many expenses. \$25,000 qualifies you for financial aid, but it's not enough if you account for basic needs. It's a lot of struggle to make ends meet. Everyone is entitled to an education regardless of income. In Europe, they have free college. We are behind."

Kira Feoktistova, 19, freshman, liberal arts, math and sciences (one major)

SUNY Economics 101

The Excelsior Scholarship would free eligible students and their families of the expense of college tuition, but there are other costs that inflate the price of higher education. The estimated costs for a nine-month school year for undergraduates at SUNY in 2016-17 include:

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AWAY FROM
FAMILY HOME

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\$18,160
TOTAL

Source: SUNY



MIT researchers say carpooling could transform city streets. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Researchers look to boost carpooling, cut cabs

Researchers say move could reduce pollution and traffic.



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What would New York City streets be like without the swarm of yellow taxi cabs that pepper its busy streets?

A research group from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology wants to find out.

With the goal of decreasing emissions and easing traffic, the research team is zeroing in on a better way to traverse Manhattan: carpooling.

By making better use of the carpooling services offered by ride-hailing apps like Uber, the MIT team — led by Daniela Rus — says New York City could reduce its 14,000-vehicle taxi

population to about 3,000 cabs, according to a Boston Globe report.

And with 11,000 fewer cabs on the road, Rus said, commuters would only spend about five minutes more traveling.

With carpooling, “we have fewer vehicles, we have less pollution and we have a better travel situation for everyone,” Rus told the Globe. The same approach could be applied globally, leading to less crowded streets and cleaner air in cities around the world, she said.

MIT tested its theory in a simulation based on one week’s worth of rides — about three million trips, according to a paper published Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Using improved routing systems developed by the MIT team, research-

With carpooling, “we have fewer vehicles, we have less pollution and we have a better travel situation for everyone.”

Daniela Rus

ers found 98 percent of trips could be handled using just 3,000 cars thanks to carpooling, and would add five minutes or less to each trip.

The biggest question will be how to convince travelers to opt in to carpooling options, Rus said.



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BRIEF

Bronx DA: Man indicted for murder, mutilation of sexual partner

A man was indicted Tuesday for allegedly murdering and mutilating his sexual partner, Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark announced.

Jerry Pagan, 32, was charged with murder, manslaughter and criminal possession of a weapon in connection with the bludgeoning death of 68-year-old Richard Reed last month. Pagan, whose address is unknown to the DA's office, was remanded to jail and is due back in court on March 30.

“The ferocity of the attack on this victim was shocking,”

Clark said. “The defendant now faces charges that could send him to prison for the rest of his life.”

On Dec. 3, Pagan confronted Reed in his Sheridan Avenue home about a previous sexual encounter. Pagan allegedly clobbered

Reed in the head with a hammer and stabbed him multiple times. Pagan then mutilated the dead man's body, Clark's office said.

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Jerry Pagan's address is unknown, according to the DA. GOOGLE COMMONS

Gunman in Istanbul nightclub attack may have trained in Syria

A selfie video of the alleged attacker, apparently walking around Istanbul's central Taksim Square, was broadcast by Turkish news channels on Tuesday as police operations to track him down continued.

The gunman who killed 39 people in an Istanbul nightclub on New Year's Day in an attack claimed by Islamic State appears to have been well versed in guerrilla warfare and may have trained in Syria, a newspaper report and a security source said on Tuesday.

The attacker, who remains at large, shot dead a police officer and a civilian at the entrance to the exclusive Reina nightclub on Sunday. He then opened fire with an automatic rifle inside, reloading his weapon half a

dozen times and shooting the wounded as they lay on the ground.

In a statement claiming the attack on Monday, Islamic State described the club as a gathering point for Christians celebrating their "apostate holiday" and said the shooting was revenge for Turkish military involvement in Syria.

"The assailant has experience in combat for sure ... he could have been fighting in Syria for years," one security source told Reuters, saying that he was likely to have been directed in his actions by the jihadist group.

The Haberturk newspaper said police investigations revealed that the gunman had entered Turkey from Syria and went to the central city of Konya in November, traveling with his wife and two children so as not to attract attention.

Some Turkish media reported that police were

"The assailant has experience in combat for sure."

Security source

seeking a 28-year-old Kyrgyz national believed to be the gunman.

Kyrgyzstan's security service said it was in touch with Turkish authorities and that a man had been questioned by Kyrgyz police and then released.

Turkish officials have not commented on the details of the investigation. But government spokesman Numan Kurtulmus said on Monday that the authorities were close to fully identifying the gunman, after gathering fingerprints and information on his appearance.

The state-run Anadolu news agency said a total of 14 people had been detained. Two foreign nationals were detained at

Istanbul's main Ataturk airport in connection with the attack, broadcaster NTV said.

Kurtulmus made no reference to the Islamic State claim of responsibility on Monday but said it was clear Turkey's military operations in Syria had annoyed terrorist groups and those behind them.

NATO member Turkey is part of the U.S.-led coalition against Islamic State and since August has been conducting military operations inside Syria to drive the radical Sunni militants, as well as Kurdish militia fighters, away from its borders.

Islamic State has been blamed for at least half a dozen attacks on civilian targets in Turkey over the past 18 months; but, other than assassinations, it was the first time it has directly claimed any of them. It made the statement on one of its Telegram channels, a method used after attacks elsewhere. **REUTERS**



A Turkish police picture of a suspect in Istanbul nightclub attack **HANDOUT**

New Senate minority leader



Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., is administered an oath as his wife Iris Weinshall looks on, by Vice President Joe Biden during swearing-in ceremony in the Capitol's Old Senate Chamber on Tuesday. **GETTY IMAGES**

Fired from 'Apprentice,' Omarosa may get Trump White House job

Omarosa Manigault, best-known for repeatedly being fired on the TV show "The Apprentice," is being considered for a job in Donald Trump's White House, a member of the president-elect's transition team said on Tuesday.

A lecturer on branding and marketing at Howard University and a former Mrs. America pageant contestant, Manigault, 42, was one of Trump's more visible African-American supporters during his successful election bid.

The Youngstown, Ohio, native also worked at the White House during the Clinton administration, in Vice President Al Gore's office.

Trump won national attention by hosting the first 14 seasons of the NBC TV game show



Omarosa Manigault **GETTY IMAGES**

"The Apprentice," in which contestants vied to demonstrate their business skills and win a job running one of his companies. Typically, Trump would eliminate one hopeful each week with his trademark phrase, "You're fired." **REUTERS**

BRIEF

Pipeline protesters warned of possible March flooding

North Dakota's new governor warned on Tuesday that protesters remaining at the construction site of the Dakota Access Pipeline should vacate their main camp before spring because of the risk of flooding.

The site of the \$3.8 billion project, which crosses four states, was the scene of demonstrations by Native Americans, environmentalists, military veterans and celebrities who said the North Dakota portion would harm water resources and sacred lands.

In early December, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers denied an easement needed to allow the pipeline to run under Lake Oahe, a reservoir formed by a dam on the Missouri River.

"The main protest camp is located directly in the floodplain of the Cannonball-Missouri River confluence. Given the snowfall we're having this winter and historic data on the Cannonball River, that camp will likely flood in early March," Gov. Doug Burgum said in his State of the State address in Bismarck. **REUTERS**

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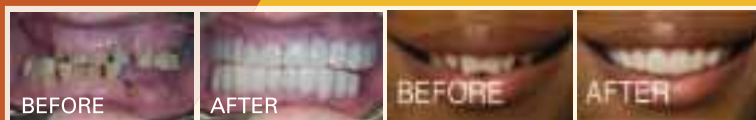
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Chided by Trump, Ford scraps Mexico factory, adds Michigan jobs

The No. 2 U.S. automaker also said it would invest \$700 million to expand the Flat Rock, Michigan, factory and would make new electric, hybrid and autonomous vehicles there.

Ford Motor Co. on Tuesday scrapped a planned Mexican car factory and added 700 jobs in Michigan following criticism by Donald Trump, as the president-elect turned his attention toward rival General Motors Co. with the threat of a "big border tax" over compact cars made in Mexico.

Ford CEO Mark Fields called the move "a vote of confidence" in Trump, but primarily a response to a decline in North American demand for

small cars like those that would have been made at the Mexican plant. He said Ford would have made the same decision even if Trump had not been elected.

Ford will cancel plans unveiled in April to spend \$1.6 billion to build the new plant in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, a project Trump urged the automaker to abandon and called an "absolute disgrace" during the election campaign.

Trump's efforts to browbeat the U.S. car industry show he may go further than other modern presidents to try to influence corporate decisions, especially those related to trade and investment.

In a Twitter post hours before Ford's announcement, Trump wrote, "General Motors is sending Mexican made model of Chevy Cruze to U.S.



Mark Fields, chief executive officer of Ford Motor Co., speaks during a news conference at the company's assembly plant in Flat Rock, Michigan on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

car dealers-tax free across border. Make in U.S.A. or pay big border tax!" GM, the largest U.S. automaker, said making some of the Cruze cars in the plant in Coahuila, Mexico, was part of its strategy to serve global customers, not sell those vehicles in the United States.

Trump's GM tweet was his latest broadside aimed at an American company

over jobs, imports and costs even before he takes office on Jan. 20.

Mexico's government said it regrets Ford's decision and has ensured that the company will reimburse San Luis Potosi state for any costs associated with the investment.

"Obviously, this isn't a good decision for us," said Mexico's economy minister, Ildefonso Guajardo.

Ford said it still will shift production from Michigan of its Focus compact car to an existing plant in Hermosillo, Mexico. Fields said he expects Michigan to give incentives for Ford's investment in Flat Rock.

Ford spokeswoman Jennifer Flake said the automaker will save \$500 million by not opening the new plant in the near term, but will have some undisclosed costs to retool the other Mexican plant to build the Focus.

Ford shares closed up about 3.8 percent. GM shares rose about 0.9 percent.

Top Ford executives personally notified Trump and Vice President-elect Mike Pence of their decision. Fields praised tax and regulatory proposals advocated by Trump and his fellow Republicans who control Congress. REUTERS

BRIEF

Chief of FDA's criminal office to depart as Trump takes office

George Karavetsos, director of the Food and Drug Administration's Office of Criminal Investigations (OCI), will depart the agency to join a private law firm, according to an internal announcement seen by Reuters.

Karavetsos in January 2015 became director of the 280-unit operation, which conducts criminal probes involving food, drugs, devices, cosmetics and tobacco.

His last day will be Jan. 20, the day Donald Trump is sworn in as president.

His departure was announced Tuesday by the FDA's associate commissioner for regulatory affairs, Melinda Plaisier, and Howard Sklamberg, the deputy commissioner for global regulatory operations and policy.

The FDA confirmed the departure, but a spokeswoman declined to comment beyond the announcement.

Karavetsos "has delivered an exceptional body of work, leading noteworthy and important change in OCI," Plaisier and Sklamberg wrote.

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Megyn Kelly leaving

The anchor, 46, was key to the network's success, drawing an average 2.7 million viewers for her prime-time show, "The Kelly File." The program was second only to "The O'Reilly Factor."

Fox News Channel anchor Megyn Kelly, a star of the cable network's highly rated prime-time lineup, is leaving to join NBC News in a broad role that includes hosting a one-hour daytime news show, NBC announced Tuesday.

Kelly also will anchor a Sunday night news show and take part in the network's special political programming and other big-event coverage, NBC News said in a statement.

Kelly's departure is a potential blow to Fox News, the top-rated cable news network

owned by Rupert Murdoch's 21st Century Fox. Just months ago, its founding chairman, Roger Ailes, left following sexual-harassment allegations by several women, including Kelly.

She detailed Ailes' behavior in her best-selling book, "Settle for More." Ailes has denied the allegations.

Fox News, which is known for a roster of conservative commentators such as Bill O'Reilly, remained at the top of cable news ratings amid the Ailes turmoil. The network delivered its highest annual viewership in its 20-year history in 2016.

"I have decided to end my time at FNC, incredibly enriched for the experiences I've had," Kelly wrote on Facebook.

She became a subject of news stories after then-Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump attacked her as unfair for her ques-

Megyn Kelly GETTY IMAGES



tioning of him at a primary debate during the 2016 election campaign.

While Kelly's departure leaves a hole in the Fox News lineup, it comes at a time when the network needs to reinvent itself to appeal to younger viewers, said Pivotal Research analyst Brian Wieser.

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Fox News to join NBC



"I have decided to end my time at FNC, incredibly enriched for the experiences I've had."

Kelly wrote on Facebook

ing," Wieser said. "The question now for investors is 'What will Fox put in Kelly's place?'"

A Fox News spokeswoman did not respond to requests for comment.

Some media buyers said they expected Fox to maintain strong ratings given interest in the White House transition and its other popular hosts.

Barry Lowenthal, president of agency The Media Kitchen, called

Kelly's departure "neutral" for the network.

"Given Fox's ratings dominance, they've shown that they're bigger than any one anchor," he said.

Kelly joined Fox in 2004 as a Washington-based correspondent before rising to host her prime-time show. Her decision to move to NBC News, a unit of Comcast Corp., was first reported by The New York Times.

While details about Kelly's daytime and evening shows were scarce, she will be trying to succeed where high-profile news anchors have struggled. In recent years, Katie Couric and Anderson Cooper lasted just two seasons with syndicated daytime talk shows.

Kelly's new NBC News colleague Brian Williams, meanwhile, saw his low-rated prime-time news magazine show, "Rock Center," end after only two years as well.

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Fox News, like many of its peers, has an older audience, with a median age of over 65, higher than MSNBC and CNN, whose viewers' median ages are 64 and 60 respectively, according to Nielsen data. Advertisers generally seek out a much younger market. "Their audience is ag-

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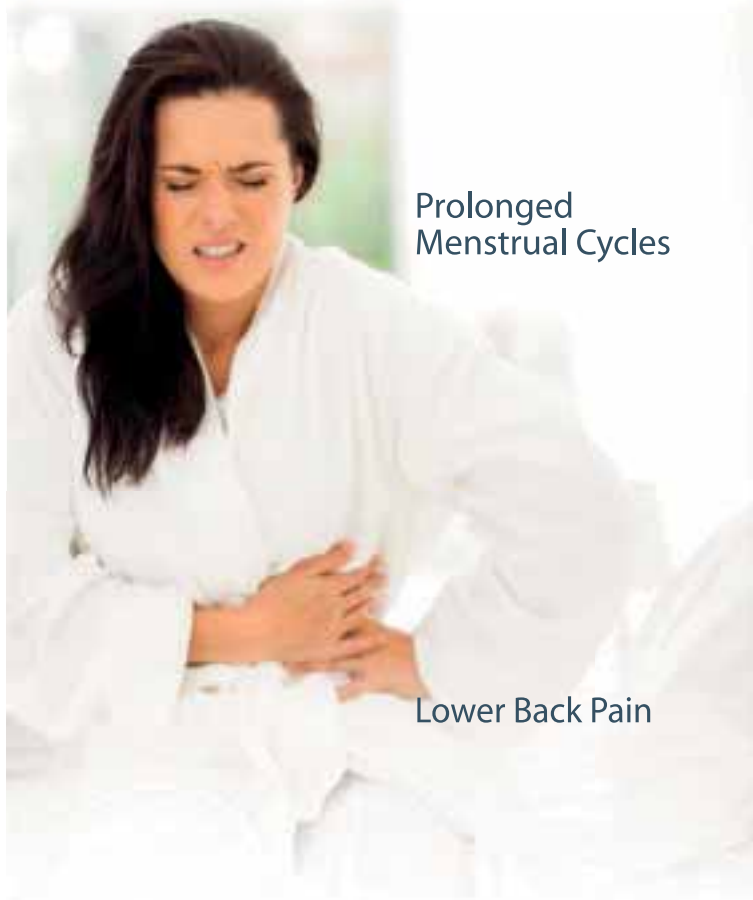
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Republicans have rough start in first day of Trump-era Congress



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With Trump set to be sworn in as president on Jan. 20, Republicans will control both the White House and Congress for the first time since 2007.

The Republican-led U.S. Congress had a rough start to its first session of the Donald Trump era on Tuesday after the House of Representatives had to backtrack on a decision to defang an ethics watchdog following a public outcry that included a dressing-down from the president-elect.

It was supposed to have been a ceremonial beginning in which lawmakers set plans to enact Trump's agenda of cutting taxes, repealing Obamacare and rolling back financial and environmental regulations.

But the moment was overshadowed by an uproar over a surprise move by Republicans in the House of Representatives in a closed-door meeting late on Monday to weaken the independent Office of Congressional Ethics, which is in charge of investigating ethics accusations against lawmakers.

Trump, who campaigned on a pledge to "drain the swamp" and bring ethics reform to Washington, was not pleased by the timing.

"With all that Congress has to work on, do they really have to make the weakening of the Independent Ethics Watchdog, as unfair as it may

be, their number one act and priority," he said on Twitter on Tuesday.

"Focus on tax reform, healthcare and so many other things of far greater importance!"

The ethics office was created in 2008 following several corruption scandals but some lawmakers have charged in recent years that it has been too quick to investigate complaints from outside partisan groups.

Lawmakers wanted to have greater control of the watchdog, and inserted changes into a broader rules package, set to pass when the House convenes on Tuesday.

Even before Trump's tweet, many House Republicans, including top leaders, had opposed the measure and worried about its ramifications. Trump's tweet prompted an emergency meeting and a quick change of course by Republicans.

"It was taken out by unanimous consent ... and the House Ethics Committee will now examine those issues," said AshLee Strong, a spokeswoman for House Speaker Paul Ryan.

As expected, Ryan was re-elected as speaker.

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Trump said on Twitter

er on a vote of 239-189. He was first elected speaker in October 2015 after predecessor John Boehner retired following repeated revolts by House conservatives.

The speaker election was part of the ceremony involved in the first meeting of the 115th Congress, as the 435 members of the House of Representatives and a third of the 100-member Senate were sworn in.

Since his election on Nov. 8, Trump has made clear he wants to move swiftly to enact proposals he outlined during the campaign such as simplifying the tax code and slashing corporate tax rates.

He also promised to make good on a Republican pledge to repeal and replace Democratic President Barack Obama's 2010 signature Affordable Care Act - a law better known as Obamacare.

"People must remember that ObamaCare just doesn't work, and it is not affordable," Trump said on Twitter on Tuesday, adding, "It is lousy healthcare."

In the first step of a process that could take months, Republican Senator Mike Enzi on Tuesday introduced a resolution to provide for the repeal of the law.

House Republicans were set to clear the decks later for Obamacare repeal by tucking a measure to prevent Democrats from slowing or stopping repeal legislation into a vote on rules governing House procedures. REUTERS

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Janet Jackson, 50, announces birth of first child

Pop star Janet Jackson gave birth on Tuesday to her first child, a boy, at the age of 50, her publicist said.

"Janet Jackson and husband Wissam Al Mana are thrilled to welcome their new son Eissa Al Mana into the world," the singer's representative said in a statement to People magazine.

"Janet had a stress-free healthy delivery and is resting comfortably," the statement said.

Jackson and Qatari businessman Al Mana married in 2012, and the singer in April postponed her "Unbreakable" world tour so they could focus on starting a family.

In October, she showed off her baby bump in an exclusive photo for People maga-



Janet Jackson GETTY IMAGES

zine.

Jackson, the fiercely private youngest child of the famed Jackson singing family, has not given any details of the pregnancy or where the baby was born.

She had two previous marriages: a yearlong union with soul singer James DeBarge in the mid 1980s, and to dancer Rene Elizondo Jr. from 1991-2000. REUTERS

London Zoo stocktake



A zookeeper poses with a praying mantis during the annual stocktake photocall at London Zoo in central London on Tuesday. The compulsory annual count is required as part of the zoo's license. GETTY IMAGES

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NAACP protests Trump's AG pick with sit-in

The NAACP staged a sit-in on Tuesday to protest the nomination of conservative U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions as the nation's next attorney general, vowing to occupy his Mobile, Alabama, office until he withdrew as a candidate or demonstrators were arrested.

Sessions, 70, has a record of controversial positions on race, immigration and criminal justice reform. Along with the sit-in, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) organized demonstrations at his offices statewide to draw attention to their concerns about his track record.

"Sen. Sessions has callously ignored the reality of voter suppression but zealously prosecuted innocent civil rights leaders on trumped-up charges of voter fraud,"



Benard Simelton posted this photo of the sit-in on Twitter.
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NAACP President and CEO Cornell William Brooks said in a news release. "As an opponent of the vote, he can't be trusted to be the chief law enforcement officer for voting rights."

Brooks posted a photo on Twitter of protesters in suits occupying the senator's Mobile office.

Sessions' office could not immediately be reached for comment.

President-elect Donald Trump in November named Sessions to lead the Justice Department

and the FBI, and his history could see scrutiny during a confirmation process before his fellow senators.

Sessions was a federal prosecutor in 1986 when he became only the second nominee in 50 years to be denied confirmation as a federal judge. This came after allegations that he had made racist remarks, including testimony that he had called an African-American prosecutor "boy," an allegation Sessions denied.

Sessions said he was not a racist but he said at his hearing that groups such as the NAACP and the American Civil Liberties Union could be considered "un-American."

He also acknowledged that he had called the Voting Rights Act of 1965 a "piece of intrusive legislation." REUTERS

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BRIEF

Four British authors, one Irish to compete for 2016 Costa prize

Novels by four British authors and one Irish writer will compete for the 2016 Costa Book Awards after winning their individual categories, the prize committee said Tuesday.

Francis Spufford took the debut novel category for "Golden Hill," Keggie Carew won in biographies for "Dadland," Brian Conaghan in children's books for "The Bombs That Brought Us

Together" and Alice Oswald in poetry for "Falling Awake."

Irish novelist and twice Man-Booker Prize shortlisted Sebastian Barry took the Costa novel award for the second time for "Days Without End."

The authors, who receive a \$6,135.00 prize for their individual wins, will now compete for the overall Costa Book of the Year prize of \$36,810.00. The winner will be announced on Jan 31. **REUTERS**



A sign showing the direction of a McDonald's is seen with the cupola of St. Peter's Basilica in the background, on Jan. 3, 2017, in Rome. **GETTY IMAGES**

McDonald's opens near Vatican, upsetting some purists

Despite the holy outrage in some quarters, two nuns were spotted Tuesday at lunchtime going inside the fast food joint.

McDonald's has opened a franchise just steps away from the gleaming white marble dome of St. Peter's Basilica, giving indigestion to some cardinals and local business owners.

There was no fanfare for the Dec. 30 opening of the U.S. fast food giant's new venue behind a subdued exterior on the picturesque Borgo Pio, just outside the spiritual home of the world's 1.2 billion Roman Catholics.

When the plan emerged last year, one of its most strident critics was Cardinal Elio Sgreccia, who said McDonald's fare was far removed from Roman gastronomic traditions and not the healthiest of foods.

"The mega sandwich shop on Borgo Pio is a disgrace," Sgreccia told La Repubblica newspaper at the time.

"It would be better to use those spaces to help the needy of the area, spaces for hospitality, shelter and help for those who suffer, as the Holy Father teaches," Sgreccia said.

In a statement, McDonald's emphasized that the new restaurant

was in a popular tourist area outside the Vatican, although the building itself is Holy See property.

"As is the case whenever McDonald's operates near historic sites anywhere in Italy, this restaurant has been fully adapted with respect to the historical environment," the company said.

Some local business owners had written to Pope Francis to ask him to keep the chain out, for fear it would upset the artistic, culture and social identity of the neighborhood.

In the letter, consumer group Codacons and a committee set up to protect Borgo Pio said the area, full of restaurants and shops selling religious articles, was already "saturated" and bringing in more tourists could be a security risk.

But some people who frequent the area welcomed the new arrival, including Raffaella Scarno, an Italian woman who works nearby.

"Anything that is good for the economy of our country is fine by me," she said.

Cities across Italy have been turning up the heat on fast food restaurants. McDonald's filed a \$20 million lawsuit against Florence after the mayor of the Renaissance city turned down an application to open one of its restaurants there. **REUTERS**

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This decreases the abnormal

The first reason some people did not get good results with viscosupplementation is... bluntly... this is a real medical procedure done by real medical doctors.

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In the real world of medicine and science, no treatments work 100% of the time or on everyone. And no good and ethical doctor would make such a claim or guarantee any results what-so-ever.

So, there are some people that will not get results with this treatment.

Reason #2

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That's why so many knee and hip arthritis sufferers are flocking to a medical clinic in NYC called "NY Pain Relief MD" that focusses on helping patients relieve their knee and hip arthritis pain and get back to doing all the things they want to do - like playing golf, walking without pain, tennis and many others.

But one of the biggest successes is when patients who were told they needed joint replacement surgery

Chris Brown wants to fight Soulja Boy

Welcome to 2017, where rappers Chris Brown and Soulja Boy are beefin' over an Instagram "like." According to Soulja Boy the feud began when he liked a photo of Brown's ex Karrueche Tran in a bikini. The "Crank That" singer tweeted that Brown saw said "like" and called to say he wanted to whoop his ass.

When Brown finally hit back, it was on Instagram, alleging that Soulja made it

all up, deeming it "imaginary beef." Then the "Loyal" singer posted a series of s---talking Instagram videos calling out Soulja for his recent arrest, even leaking his phone number.

Karrueche made the mistake of getting in-

involved with a holier-than-thou Instagram post: "[This] drama between the both of these two is so ridiculous. ... We just brought in a new year and this what we doing?? Leave the extra'd out, rah rah shit behind ..."

Brown told her to stay out of it. "No one asked for this opinion! It ain't over you! Girl keep the fame you got and stay classy!"

He's right about that. This beef, exaggerated or not, seems exclusively between these two blathering fools.



Ryan Gosling pays tribute to Debbie Reynolds

At Monday night's Palm Springs International Film Festival Awards Gala, Ryan Gosling accepted the Vanguard Award for "La La Land," along with director Damien Chazelle and composer Justin Hurwitz.

In a heartfelt speech, the 36-year-old actor paid tribute to the late Debbie Reynolds, revealing that the legendary actress provided much of the inspiration for the film,

through her work in classics like "Singin' in the Rain," in which she sang and danced alongside Gene Kelly.

"I wish I could've said this in person, but I'd like to thank Debbie Reynolds for her wonderful career of work," Gosling said. "She was an inspiration to us every day. We watched



'Singin' in the Rain' every day for inspiration, and she was truly an unparalleled talent."

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Beyonce, Kendrick and Radiohead to headline Coachella 2017



Coachella Music and Arts Festival announced its lineup for 2017, with Radiohead, Beyonce and Kendrick Lamar headlining April 14-16 and 21-23. The annual Indio, California, event will once again take place at Empire Polo

Club, where nearly 150 acts will perform across three days over two weekends.

Other exciting names on the roster include the XX, Lorde, New Order, Car Seat Headrest, Bon Iver (hilariously sharing a day with Beyonce

— note: "SNL"), Gucci Mane, Schoolboy Q and Empire of the Sun. It's also worth noting the show would be Lorde's first live large-scale performance since 2014, as well as Beyonce's first planned date of the year post-"Lemonade."

Janelle Monae is not tolerating Kim Burrell's homophobic remarks

Gospel singer Kim Burrell will no longer appear on "The Ellen Show" this Thursday, Janelle Monae confirms to TMZ.

Burrell was slated to sing with Pharrell Williams, performing his song "I See a Victory" from the "Hidden Figures" soundtrack, which Williams also produced.

But after the 44-year-old's recent homophobic remarks—referring to being gay as "that

perverted homosexual spirit" — in a sermon she aired on Facebook Live, she is no longer welcome.

Williams will instead perform solo, and Monae, who stars in "Hidden Figures," will guest star on the show.

"I'm a huge advocate for the 'other,' and I don't stand for any hate speech that targets our fellow brothers and sis-

ters in a negative way," Monae told TMZ in a video.



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Just 100 miles southeast of the Statue of Liberty is a natural wonder few New Yorkers know about — because it's under water.

Formed during the last ice age 10,000 years ago, the Hudson Canyon is basically the Grand Canyon, only under about 60 feet of ocean. The East Coast's biggest submarine canyon is so deep — estimated to be about a mile — that we don't actually know much about what's at the bottom of it. But researchers are finding out more as they expand New York Aquarium's "Ocean Wonders: Sharks!" exhibit, now set for a 2018 debut.

"If you can imagine that massive, majestic canyon with an entire



Several species of shark, including the blue shark, live in or pass through the Hudson Canyon. KEITH ELLENBOGEN COMMISSIONED BY THE NEW YORK AQUARIUM

panoply of marine life and ecology, a great marker for migration up and down the coast, and a tremendous feature for fishing and shipping of all kinds, that's our canyon — that's New Yorkers' canyon," says Jon Forrest Dohlin, vice president of the Wildlife Conservation Society and director of the

aquarium in Coney Island.

When it opens, the boundaries of the aquarium will push past the Coney Island Boardwalk all the way into the sea, adding 750,000 gallons of displays that include a shipwreck, a rooftop restaurant and a coral reef tunnel.

The largest of the new

welling of cold water from the sea floor mixes with warmer surface currents to create a biodiversity hot spot that's home to, and supports, hundreds of species from plankton to turtles, sharks, whales and birds. In the exhibit, visitors will be able to watch this mixing of currents as if they were sitting right beneath it.

It's also a site that could be exploited for more than scientific research, which is why a coalition of local businesses, politicians and organizations including WCS has nominated the Hudson Canyon as a National Marine Sanctuary. The designation would permanently ban oil and gas exploration and its associated risks, as well as expand research efforts.

Much of what's known about the canyon comes from monitoring whales, fragile deep-sea coral



Octopuses and fragile cold-water coral live in the canyon. DEEPWATER CANYONS

exhibits will be "Canyon's Edge," "which is a recreation of what it would be like to sit on the edge of the Hudson Canyon, where it drops off," Dohlin says. It's there that a unique phenomenon takes place: An up-

Enjoy the ocean

What the marine sanctuary designation wouldn't do is stop existing commercial and recreational fishing that happens at the edges of the canyon, "and that's a good thing because we want New Yorkers to be connected to their ocean environment," Dohlin says. "With the nomination, we are saying to the government that we believe this is a culturally, ecologically and economically important location on the Atlantic Coast that needs to be protected."

and migratory patterns along the coast. "To actually delve into the canyon, that's going to take the resources that will be brought to bear by the sanctuary designation," says Dohlin.

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That time Jim Jarmusch almost died

The legendary filmmaker talks about his new film, "Paterson," and being poisoned by mushrooms.



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Since his first film, 1980's "Permanent Vacation," through "Stranger Than Paradise," "Ghost Dog" and "Only Lovers Left Alive," Jim Jarmusch has done Jim Jarmusch. He's never been the type of indie filmmaker working towards studio work or comic book movies. Every few years, the world receives a new Jarmusch, each gradually paced, minimalist, serious yet playful.

This year we've received two: "Gimme Danger," his doc about The Stooges, was released in October. And now there's "Paterson," in which Adam Driver



In Jim Jarmusch's "Paterson," now in theaters, Adam Driver (with Golshifteh Farahani) plays a bus driver/poet whose days are all pretty much alike. **MARY CYBULSKI**

plays a bus driver and poet (also named Paterson). We see a week in his life, each day more or less like the last and the next. It's a very calming film, especially when seen now. Just don't think of it as trendy.

This is a very calming, therapeutic film to watch right now, with everything's that going on in the world. But I don't want to cheapen it or make it sound like

you're ever responding to trends.

Well, hopefully not. People read too many things in my films sometimes. Like in "Paterson." They say, "Well, he doesn't have a cellphone. Are you against digital technology?" Well, no, the character doesn't have a cell phone because he chooses not to. His wife [Laura, played by Golshifteh Farahani] has a laptop and an iPad. It's not a self-portrait.

Sometimes people are a little overeager to find autobiography in art.

They're also always looking for significance. At the Toronto Film Festival Q&A, which was a lovely audience, I had to start teasing them because they wanted to know the significance of everything in the film. I had to say, "We're going for that anti-significance significance thing. [Laughs] Don't look so deeply. Let the details accumulate, and don't worry about what they all mean, because I don't know! I have no idea!"

So many of your films incorporate different art forms: poetry, books, music, paintings. I sometimes worry that a lot of today's film fanatics only know about film.

I'm a self-proclaimed dilettante. There are too many interesting things

in the world. I can't just learn about one. I read books and I listen to music and I'm an amateur mycologist, which is the study of mushroom identification. I have a lot of interests. I just get excited for all the things I don't



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know. To regulate myself to only movies would be like, "Why?" [Laughs]

Wait, how did you get into mycology?

Some 20 years ago I ate in a nice Italian restaurant in New York. I went home and I felt fine.

Three hours later, all my internal organs were starting to shut down. I was rushed to an emergency room. My stomach was pumped and I was given IVs. The next day I was told, "If you had gotten here an hour later you wouldn't have gotten here at all. You would have been gone." They asked me, "What toxic substance have you been near, because you've been badly poisoned."

And it turned out I had some kind of pasta with mushrooms, and something got slipped in there. I had wild mushrooms. And I said, "Wow, that's heavy, I almost died." Then I just started reading a lot about mushrooms, and how incredible they are, and how they aren't plants or animals. In fact, their DNA is closer to animals. I could go on and on. I'm just an amateur mycologist, but it's one of the things I'm interested in.



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The actor talks about doing his first big scary movie, "The Autopsy of Jane Doe."



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Not everyone was happy Emile Hirsch was making "The Autopsy of Jane Doe." It's a horror movie, a genre not everyone respects. The actor remembers meeting with an acting teacher friend in Los Angeles. He showed her the script for the film, which involves two medical examiners (eventually played by Hirsch and Brian Cox) who find strange and terrifying things when working on the mysterious corpse of a young woman (Olwen Kelly).

"She was just disgusted," Hirsch recalls. "She said 'Why



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Emile Hirsch wants to scare the hell out of you

In the indie horror "The Autopsy of Jane Doe," now in theaters and on VOD, Brian Cox and Emile Hirsch play father and son medical examiners whose latest cadaver unleashes some strange and freaky business. **IFC MIDNIGHT**

are you doing this? I said, 'You don't get why this is so awesome?' It just grossed her out. She didn't understand the genre. Either you get it or you don't. You like the adrenaline rush, or you're the wuss who doesn't like horror movies because you get nightmares. As if you aren't supposed

to get nightmares when you watch horror movies."

Thing is, "The Autopsy of Jane Doe" isn't your standard gore-a-thon, the presence of a medical dissection or no. At times it's closer to a play, and one starring two acclaimed actors. Hirsch and Cox spend most of the movie in their medical bunker, doting over their latest corpse. As they keep discovering strange and freaky surprises — such as random objects stuffed deep in her insides — things take a turn for the supernatural. But it's still based around

performances, ideas and expert filmmaking.

For Hirsch, "Jane Doe" was also a chance to do horror — his first. (The closest he'd come was the 2011 apocalyptic sci-fi thriller "The Darkest Hour.") It's a genre he's been drawn to since he was probably far too young to be viewing them.

"I made the mistake of watching 'Silver Bullet' when I was 6 years old," Hirsch says, referring to the 1985 Stephen King movie with Corey Haim. "I was with this older kid at my mom's friend's house.

This 12-year-old, this brat, is like, 'Watch this!' That movie scarred me for a decade."

Hirsch is a touch worried the era of kids watching gory horror movies is no more. After all, over-protective parents will go out of their way to make sure they don't see them.

"There's this new hipster bulls— thing, where they say, 'I don't watch horror movies,'" he says. "It's this new helicopter parent generation of kids who don't watch horror movies because they're scared."

A word from the director

Andre Ovredal, who came to "Jane Doe" from the Norwegian found footage favorite "Trollhunter," has his own, very different past with horror. In his homeland when he was a kid, many dark and violent and disturbing films were banned.

"The Evil Dead" wasn't legal," Ovredal recalls. "I had to get this VHS copy from someone. It was so crappy. Those kinds of movies, like 'From Beyond,' were amazing, influential films for me. 'The Omen' was another one. I find that 'Jane Doe' is like a micro version of 'The Omen': The deeper you dig, the scarier it gets, the bigger the world gets."

He also liked the strong characters. "Its relationships were done in a very realistic manner, which isn't always done in genre films like this," Ovredal says. "Sometimes they're heightened for reasons of satisfying the genre elements. Here, it was the other way."

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Famous faces are everywhere in New York City — you just need to know where to look (or live).

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Outside Los Angeles, New York City is the place to go for celebrity sightings. But unlike Hollywood, NYC's much easier for a chance encounter, as the famous are less likely to be hidden behind black-tinted Escalades and gated mansions.

You can even spot Oscar winners on the subway, and if you're lucky enough to live in the same building

as a celebrity, then you could bump into a star in your lobby, elevator or hallway.

Here are three apartments in buildings that have attracted famous tenants — and may still have a celebrity or two residing within.

Chelsea Mercantile

252 Seventh Ave., 4D
\$3,285,000

Built in the early 1900s, the Chelsea Mercantile is a condominium building with 24-hour doorman and concierge. There is also a 10,000-square-foot planted roof deck with amazing views. This three-bedroom, two-and-a-half bathroom home features 11-foot ceilings, contemporary finishes,

spacious rooms and an in-unit washer and dryer.

"The Chelsea Mercantile has been ideal for high-profile residents. They like the fact that the building has multiple elevator banks allowing for more privacy, as well as a garage that connects to an elevator inside the building allowing them to come and go anonymously and discreetly," said Core broker Michael Rubin. "The residents also enjoy the large staff that is readily on hand for convenience and security. Furthermore, the apartments in the building tend to have larger than normal open living spaces, huge windows and high ceilings that are great for entertaining."

Famous tenants have included Bobby Flay, Katie Holmes, Nick Jonas, Marc Jacobs and Lance Bass.

Harperley Hall

41 Central Park West, 3E
\$3.6 million

Harperley Hall was once known as the "Madonna building" after the Material Girl bought a co-op in the Central Park West building in the '90s with then-husband Sean Penn. She sold the apartment in 2013.

A two-bedroom, two-bathroom residence in the prewar building is for sale with 10-foot-plus ceilings, oversize



41 Central Park West was known as the "Madonna building." KELLER WILLIAMS

windows and classic moldings throughout. The formal dining room features custom wall padding and intricate moldings, and an equally opulent kitchen is lined with marble countertops and custom cabinetry.

Entering the building, residents are greeted by gates, a manned guardhouse and a fountain courtyard. An underground garage features additional privacy. There is also a rooftop garden with views of Central Park West and the Manhattan skyline.

Tribeca Space Condominium

25 Murray St., Apt. 3F
\$2.2 million

This two-bedroom, two-bathroom prewar condo in Tribeca is located in a 10-story building that former New York Giant and current "Good Morning America" co-host Michael Strahan once called home.

Details include exposed-brick walls, crown moldings and wide-plank red-oak floors throughout. There is also plenty of light in the spacious apartment, which

features a large living room and eat-in kitchen with cherry cabinets, granite countertops and a large pantry. The master bedroom also has a spacious walk-in closet.

The building offers doorman service, fitness room with sauna, community lounge with pool table, a large playroom, central laundry facility and a planted roof-deck.

Strahan purchased an apartment on a higher floor in the building in 2008, but sold the apartment in 2014 while host of "Live! With Kelly and Michael."



Michael Strahan once lived in 25 Murray St. KELLER WILLIAMS

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Knicks suddenly slumping hard

New York hosts the Milwaukee Bucks Wednesday.

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The NBA season is so fluid that a team can go from being among the top contenders to finding themselves battling for one of the few remaining seeds in the push for the playoffs within a matter of days. And the new-look Knicks (16-18) are finding this out on the fly.

Coming off a demoralizing home loss to the Magic (16-20), the Knicks suddenly find themselves in the same air space as the Magic and other Eastern Conference dregs — which is a stark contrast to just a week ago when the Knicks were hover-

ing between the fourth and fifth seed and looked like a legitimate threat to the upper echelon in the conference.

First-year Knicks coach Jeff Hornacek is seemingly at wits' end in trying to figure out a way to jump start his sagging team. New York has dropped five straight and is 2-8 in its last 10 games.

"If we can just somehow find a way to build defensively, I think we can really make some noise."

Joakim Noah

Defense may be the root of the problem, especially considering that the Magic hung 115 points at the Garden — the same Orlando squad that entered the contest averaging 99 points per game.

"We're going to have to figure something out," said Hornacek. "Maybe we're just not good enough, or maybe we have to start playing some of these other guys more. We might have to mix the lineup up somehow."

Offense has never really been a problem for a Carmelo Anthony-led team, but defense has. Just ask George Karl.

But when it comes down to guarding opposing scorers and getting stops down the stretch, Anthony's Knicks have been anemic. The early success may have masked those ills, so now it's up



Carmelo Anthony and the Knicks will face the Bucks at Madison Square Garden Wednesday (7:30 p.m., MSG). GETTY IMAGES

to team's best players to help find a way to get this team back on track.

Joakim Noah, once one of the premiere defenders in the league, noted that for all the offensive firepower on the roster, the Knicks will only go as far as the team

leaders leading by example on the other end of the floor.

"We have three guys on this team that can score with the best of them," Noah said. "If we can just somehow find a way to build defensively, I think we can really

make some noise."

The only noise right now is Hornacek's consternation.

The coach said a shake-up is likely coming within the rotation.

"I have to find someone to play some defense," Hornacek said.

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Source: Collin closing in on new deal with Red Bulls

Aurélien Collin will be back with the Red Bulls in 2017, according to a source. GETTY IMAGES

The Red Bulls are set to bring back the defender.



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Perhaps the biggest addition to the New York Red Bulls last season will be back in 2017 as defender Aurélien Collin is poised for a return to MLS.

Collin, a 30-year old central defender and one of the top centerbacks in MLS, is close to a new deal with the club. A team source tells Metro that Collin, currently out of contract, is poised to ink a deal that will keep him at Red Bull Arena in 2017.

A source close to the player tells Metro that Collin, who hails from France,

had interest in Europe but that Red Bull "aggressively worked to get the deal done." This second source credited Red Bulls sporting director Ali Curtis for the new contract.

"Ali made this happen. He was aggressive," the second source said. "He got the job done."

Collin joined the Red Bulls after a 1-7 start where the team struggled defensively and looked like a shell of their 2015 Supporters Shield side. In stepped the powerful central defender and the Red Bulls back four began to gel, sparking a side that had a hot summer and won the Eastern Conference and made the MLS Cup playoffs for a sixth straight season.

Joining MLS in 2011, Collin became an integral

"Ali [Curtis] made this happen. He was aggressive. He got the job done."

Source, to Metro

part of Sporting Kansas City but was traded to Orlando City following the 2014 season. He then was dealt to the Red Bulls last season in April and became a fan favorite at Red Bull Arena.

The second source said that multiple teams in Europe expressed interest in Collin over the past month.

Jets fire five assistants, Gailey retires

Todd Bowles is still the main man in charge with the Jets but his staff will look considerably different when next season commences. On Tuesday, offensive coordinator Chan Gailey announced that he will retire, and five members of the Jets' staff were fired.

Defensive line coach Pepper Johnson, outside linebackers coach Mark Collins, defensive backs coach Joe Danna, quarterbacks coach Kevin Patullo and running backs coach Marcel Shipp were all dismissed by the team.

Gailey said that he told Bowles prior to the 2016 season that the campaign would be his last, but given how dreadful New York's



Chan Gailey retired on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

offense was this past season, it's a good bet that Gailey would have been dismissed anyway.

The Jets' offense ranked 26th in yards per

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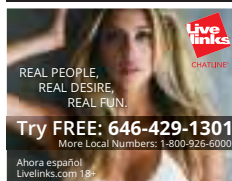
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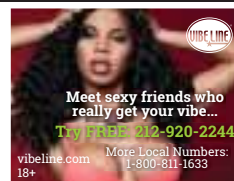


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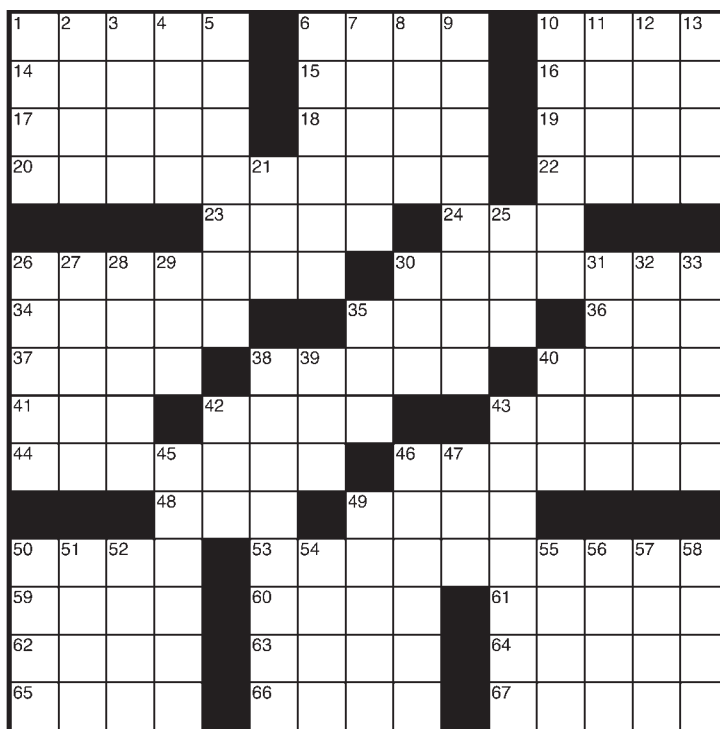
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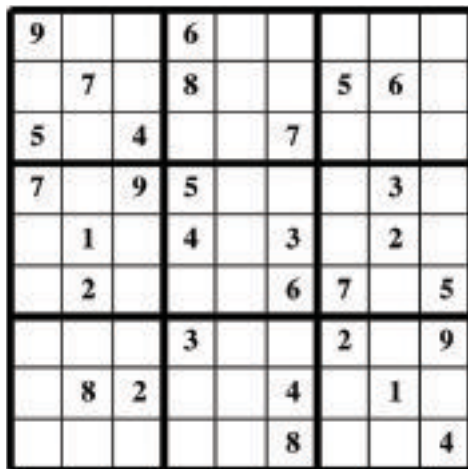
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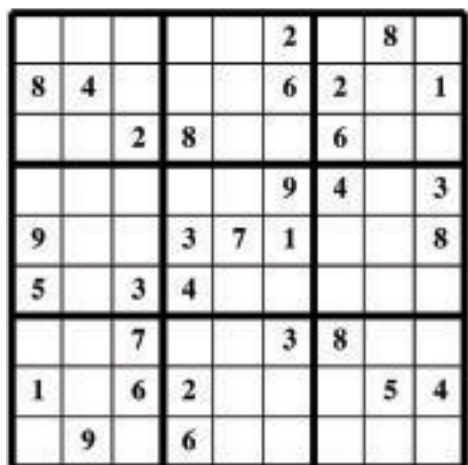


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Gemini You may feel anxious about your position, direction or next move. Relax and take your time. Impulsive decisions will add to your confusion and stress.



Cancer Work from home or make changes to your domestic environment that will add to your comfort and convenience. Make subtle changes that will help you reach your goals.



Leo Live and learn. Use past experience as your guide to a better future. Change is necessary, but how you go about it will be what makes the difference.



Virgo Don't feel pressured to spend money on something you don't want or bow to someone pressuring you to get involved in a joint venture. Follow your gut feeling.



Libra Emotions will be difficult to control. Size up whatever situation you face, and think your way through it one step at a time. Don't give in; look for solutions.



Scorpio You can accomplish whatever you pursue. Learn as you go, and watch and listen to those who are doing what you want to do. Your charm will win favors.



Sagittarius Don't limit what you can do because of your domestic situation. Make alterations that will free up the time you need to pursue your dreams.



Capricorn Taking a new approach to the way you deal with partners or people who can influence your future will help you establish better working relationships.



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